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Dear PacifiCorp/Utah Power Retiree:

This letter is being sent to PacifiCorp/Utah Power employees and retirees who have worked, or who may have worked, in the 3rd West Substation in downtown Salt Lake City. The purpose of the letter is to inform you of certain circumstances with respect to the property and what is being done there. The letter also gives names and phone numbers to contact for further information.

Utah Power's 3rd West Substation, located at 147 South 400 West in Salt Lake City, Utah, has long played an important role in providing electric power to downtown Salt Lake City. However, all of the property hasn't always been owned by PacifiCorp or Utah Power, nor has the substation been the only use of the land. During a period (approximately 1954 -1984) when the area on the eastern end of the current substation was not owned by PacifiCorp or Utah Power, Vermiculite Intermountain Inc. operated a plant there to process vermiculite from a mine in Libby, Mont.

Vermiculite from this mine has been found to contain a unique form of amphibole asbestos. Prolonged exposure to asbestos fibers has been identified as a contributing cause to certain adverse health effects, which led EPA to declare the Libby mine and surrounding area a Superfund site. EPA has also identified and investigated hundreds of sites throughout the U.S. that received and processed ore from the Libby mine, including the 3rd West Substation site in Salt Lake City.

Sampling by EPA has revealed that properties and buildings in the area of the 3rd West Substation exhibit amphibole asbestos residues. Dust in the substation control house contains trace amounts (less than 1 percent) of Libby asbestos. Similarly, trace amounts of amphibole asbestos have been found in the substation soil. The asbestos content of the soil generally ranges from undetectable to less than 1 percent, with a high concentration in one spot (where the processing facility once stood) of 5 percent.

When asbestos is present in bulk concentrations below 1 percent, removal is not required by either EPA or OSHA asbestos rules. However, due to the relationship with the Libby, Mont., Superfund site, EPA is requiring the removal of all traces of asbestos from the substation property. In the performance of this work, EPA will require cleanup workers to wear full personal protective equipment. Extensive air monitoring will be conducted to ensure asbestos does not become airborne and blow off-site during cleanup operations. Until cleanup is completed, employees will access certain areas of the site only while wearing protective gear.

In the years between 1954 and 1984, vermiculite processing activities on property immediately to the east of the substation may have created a considerable amount of dust. The vermiculite facility was demolished and completely removed in 1986. Many employees, of course, have had access to the substation over the years. Our best information is that this access should not have created any health concerns. Based on the concentrations of asbestos present in the substation control house dust and in the substation soil, and on the limited length of time any employee would have been in the substation and/or control house, PacifiCorp believes that any potential asbestos exposure would have been minimal and would not have resulted in an increased health risk.

One symptom of an asbestos-related illness is respiratory problems. If you are experiencing respiratory problems and are concerned about having an asbestos-related illness, please remember there are many different types and causes of respiratory problems in addition to asbestos-related illness. Many of these problems have similar symptoms, such as shortness of breath, a dry cough that doesn't go away, or pain experienced when breathing.


Individuals who worked in the substation between 1954 and the present and are experiencing these symptoms, or who have questions or concerns, are encouraged to call or e-mail David Wilson at (503) 813-6635, (david.wilson@pacificorp.com), or John Loomis at (503) 813-5082, (john_w.loomis@pacificorp.com). They can answer questions about both the substation and asbestos-related illnesses. If you so desire, they will also arrange for you to discuss your concerns with an occupational health physician retained by the company. The physician will answer any additional questions you may have and assist you in determining whether to obtain a physical evaluation.

We hope the above information is helpful and reassuring to you. If you have any questions, please contact John or David for additional information.

Sincerely,



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